GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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LENDING RATES FOR HOUSING
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a): whether any fresh guidelines have been issued by the Reserve Bank of India to the banks and financial institutions regarding the prime lending rates for housing;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): whether the revised guidelines provide for a uniform rate of interest to be charged on housing loans by the financial institutions;

(d): whether the Government also propose to extend the facility of housing loan to persons above the age of 65 years in view of the increase in the longevity of the life span; and

(e): if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. According to the information furnished by the Reserve Bank of India, in terms of RBI guidelines dated 19.04.2001 banks have been allowed to grant advances to housing finance intermediary agencies for on lending to ultimate beneficiaries at an interest rate without reference to their prevailing Prime Lending Rate.

(c) to (e) : No, Sir.